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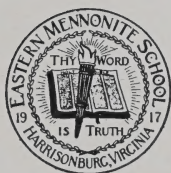






The  
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EASTERN MENNONITE SCHOOL

Harrisonburg, Virginia

TO ALL THOSE  
OF OUR FAITH  
WHO EXEMPLIFY BY  
THEIR VICTORIOUS LIVES  
THEIR LOYAL ALLEGIANCE TO THE ONE  
THROUGH WHOM WE ARE  
MORE THAN CONQUERORS  
WE RESPECTFULLY DEDICATE  
THIS NUMBER OF  
THE JOURNAL







#### FACULTY

FIRST ROW: (Left to right) J. L. Stauffer, C. K. Lehman, D. R. Hostetter.

SECOND ROW: D. W. Lehman, Dorothy Kemrer, H. A. Brunk, Sadie Hartzler.

THIRD ROW: Mrs. Paul Stauffer, M. T. Brackbill, Mrs. Brackbill, E. G. Gehman.

FOURTH ROW: Melvin Ruth, Elsie Martin, J. R. Mumaw, Mary Keener.

FIFTH ROW: M. J. Brunk, H. D. Weaver, Moses Slabaugh, Mark Stauffer.



## TO THE FACULTY

I, the Spirit of the Senior Class, wish to make my last round before my departure to silently give the faculty my humble thanks and express my appreciation for their inspiring lives and helpful Christian guidance.

Slowly opening the door I see **Bro. J. L. Stauffer** seated at the desk in his office. The quiet reserve which characterizes our **president** does not prevent his giving a genial smile and pleasant "good morning" to the students. Listening to his chapel talks and classroom discussions I have been impressed with his vast knowledge of the Word of God. His firm tactfulness in handling unusual situations is admirable.

Now I pause before the **dean's** door, **Bro. Chester K. Lehman**. Many times I have stood in awe of him as I heard his profound expositions which revealed the depth of his philosophical and theological mind. He has a great concern for the problems our church is facing today and does much toward helping solve them.—But enough!

Time calls me to **Bro. D. Ralph Hostetter's** Biological Laboratory. As a silent member of the class he is teaching I watch him patiently help the students with their experiments—always doing things with the exactness and precision which no other can quite equal. Bro. Hostetter has the characteristic ability of making our errors appear in such a ludicrous light that we cannot help being amused and wonder how we ever could make such silly mistakes.

Upon leaving his room I am unconsciously drawn to **Bro. Daniel W. Lehman's** class. He stands, erect as usual, before his students, bringing responses from them in his quick, energetic way. Bro. Daniel strongly admonishes his "Normal" students to work hard, for that is the key to happiness.

Now, again in the hall during the quiet hush of classes, I follow the din of typewriters until I reach them on third floor. Here I find **Sister Dorothy Kemrer** giving her students efficient instruction in the technique of exact and skilful typing. She always wears a pleasant smile. Her quiet life is admired by all who know her.

Upon descending the stairs I notice on the schedule that **Bro. Harry A. Brunk** is conducting a history class. After a few minutes in his audience we realize that, in addition to his tremendous historical knowledge, he is also well versed in the knowledge of God's Word. Bro. Brunk's two accessories outside of school hours are "Dottie," his dog, and the "Bantam."

Reluctantly leaving his room I quietly enter the Library where I find not only industrious students but the pleasant librarian, **Sister Sadie Hartzler**. She is a true picture of thoughtfulness and deep Christian character as she graciously aids a student in locating a book.

Tip-toeing out I leave the main building by the rear entrance and proceed to that cozy, little house to the left. Yes, it is the Home Economics and Art Laboratory where **Sister Paul Stauffer** teaches. Her quiet dignity, pleasant disposition, and deep appreciation of God have made me wish to more fully aspire to those qualities.

As bells ring and classes change I find myself transferred to **Bro. James E. Gross's** Agriculture Laboratory. He is an advocate of thorough hard work in order for one to enjoy and get the best out of life. His time outside of school hours, spent in taking care of his goats, gives practical evidence of this.

Since I am in the mood for visiting laboratories, I shall just slip across the hall to **Bro. M. T. Brackbill's** Physics Laboratory. He impresses one as being calm and com-

posed, but beneath that lies a passion for the majestic. He used to have a hobby, but now his hobby has become his work—astronomy.

Naturally my next stop will be in **Sister M. T. Brackbill's** English class. I feel immediately a pleasant, congenial atmosphere caused by the understanding nature of the teacher. Because of her quiet, gentle, and sympathetic ways she has become the girls' ideal. Her deep love for literature culminates in the masterpiece—the Bible.

To continue on my round—I drift into **Bro. Ernest G. Gehman's** room. He is an enthusiastic teacher of German but also highly delights in his English composition class. He points out errors with subtle witticism. I have found him to be as a prism which reflects a different talent every time the light of necessity strikes it.

Now for a quiet visit to the hall manager's room. Boys continually come and go, but that makes no difference to **Bro. Melvin Ruth**. He receives them all with an understanding heart of sympathy. Deliberation and sound reasoning characterize every action.

Student teachers consider it a real joy to be under **Sister Elsie Martin's** supervision. Her quiet manner, cheerful disposition, and suggestiveness have made her to be appreciated not only by us but by her small charges at the Park School.

And now I remember I must not miss the literature class under **Bro. John R. Mumaw**. I have not been seated long before I am again impressed with his subtle ability in presenting and interpreting for us the masterpieces of literature. Because of his keen interest in young people, he is used widely in the Church.

As the class is dismissed I decide to remain and see which class enters next. **Bro. Menno Brunk** enters in such an unassuming manner that I was amazed when informed of the depth of his knowledge. Although Bro. Brunk teaches Greek and other deep subjects there are none so profound but that he can brighten them with touches of humor.

In my roving restlessness I ascend to the second floor and center my attention in the dean of women's office. By the quiet, prayerful look on **Sister Mary Keener's** face we catch a slight intimation of the fellowship in prayer which she enjoys with her Lord. Her sincerity characterizes her work.

I certainly would not have completed my round if I did not observe **Bro. Henry Weaver** in the business manager's office. He is not only a business man but a busy man, for on the side he runs the Park View Grocery and Dry Goods Store.

As I take one last look into the faculty study room I find **Bro. Moses Slabaugh** busily preparing for his classes. He is deeply interested in city mission work and spends much time in personal evangelism.

As I slowly retreat from the faculty room, I do not desire to leave the E. M. S. without paying a visit to the place where, perhaps more than any other, I recognized God's presence and received spiritual strength and power—the Chapel. However as I reach the door I pause a second for I hear a rich, mellow voice. As other voices join his I realize that it is **Bro. Mark Stauffer's** music class. Because of his musical ability he is Men's Chorus director and is in constant demand for special music.

Thus my work is finished, my round is completed,—reverently, yet somewhat sadly, I bid adieu.

Marie Brunk

Esther Brunk



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 1939

Congratulations to the class of 1939 on reaching your objective.

It is now almost a decade since the economic collapse overwhelmed the world. It seems that each graduating class is called upon to face a greatly disturbed world which does not know which way to go, nor what to do to remedy the unhappy conditions.

Men are too proud to admit their failure in solving the problems of the time, and until they do, there is little ground to hope for better conditions. Human ingenuity may devise an artificial prosperity and secure a false peace, but they are powerless to remedy conditions that result from sinful living, from perverted morals, and a corrupt human nature.

The Christian student need not be defeated by the conditions of the times. He has spiritual resources that the world cannot appropriate without a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ, because all spiritual blessings come through Him. Without Jesus Christ, the world outlook is gloomy indeed and improvement, progress, and prosperity can not be permanent until it rests on an abiding foundation. Let us consider the resources of the Christian student and graduate.

In the first place, he knows the Lord Jesus as the Saviour of his soul. Through Christ there has come into the life of the Christian student, forgiveness of sin, abundance of grace, and an abiding hope. Such resources give one the confidence and assurance that make for victory in tackling the difficulties of life.

In the second place, he knows the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is just as able to overrule and supply the needs of His children in depression times as in times of prosperity. The Christian seeks to honor the Lord in all that he does. Such efforts will not go unrewarded.

In the third place, the Christian student has the Holy Spirit as an indwelling and abiding guest. If we walk in the Spirit, we shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. The Spirit will accept the responsibility to lead in the life of all who meet the conditions of His indwelling.

In the fourth place, the Christian student has the Word of God. In this book will be found all that necessarily pertains to life and godliness. A true record of past events as well as an identification of the present times, and the clear predictions of the ultimate end of human efforts without God are clearly revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

In the fifth place, the Christian student has the resource of the Christian church. Outside of salvation itself, the benefits of Christian fellowship stand close at hand. In the church is found that helpful counsel, opportunities for real worship, the opportunities for testimony and witnessing, and an avenue for making Christ known to the ends of the earth. Never neglect the church nor isolate yourself from her for the sake of money.

God may have been preparing you for His service while you thought you were preparing for some secular task. The Lord may be using some humble task as a stepping stone for undreamed usefulness and blessing in His service. With such resources, dear graduate, fear not to face the world with all of its uncertainty and despair. You can be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

John L. Stauffer.

## CLASS ADVISER'S MESSAGE

Dear Class of 1939:

It is with mingled feelings and emotions that I give you this parting message. First of all, I wish to congratulate each one of you for the successful completion of your courses of study. I rejoice with you as you experience this thrill of having completed a piece of work and are about to enter into a new phase of life. I am somewhat saddened by the thought that possibly we shall never meet again here on earth as the entire class of 1939. We have been together in training for a short period, but now duty calls us to various fields of service.

I am very happy to be one with you. As a class we have enjoyed many pleasant hours in the classroom, in class meetings and functions, and in various phases of Christian activity. By your consistent Christian living, you have encouraged us; by your questions and discussions, you have stimulated us to greater research and study; by your untiring effort and willingness to grapple with problems, you have greatly increased our confidence in you. You have meant much to us.

During your brief stay in this institution we have endeavored to give you our best instruction, warning, and advice. We have tried by our lives to hold before you the highest Christian ideals and standards of fellowship, unselfishness, courtesy, and modesty. We hope we have helped to better prepare you for the Christian life and for service in your respective homes, communities, and churches. Perhaps we have failed to do our full duty to you? Please pardon our failures and shortcomings. Your spiritual welfare was always uppermost in our minds, we have tried to give you our best. You will not disappoint us if you live as you have been instructed.

I was very much encouraged when I learned that you had chosen for your motto "With Him We Conquer." By your selection you admitted that life is a battle; but you also dispelled the thought of defeat by referring to One who knows no defeat. Too many never learn to conquer self-will, pride, worldly temptations, temper, carelessness, idleness, and indifference. The worldly standard of business and social relationships go down in defeat before the One who can use only those who willingly make sacrifices, practice self-denial, and have a vision of their Christian duties.

"With Him We Conquer." Not by forging ahead, but by following the Master. Our faithful leaders are calling for faithful followers who will carry out the program of the Mennonite church in the home, community, and foreign field. The church is depending upon you, not to change her practices and policies, not to introduce some new fad or doctrine, not to create a problem or schism, but to live the conquering life, to be vigilant and ready to condemn error, and to maintain and support her precious doctrines.

As you go forth into the home, schoolroom, farm, shop, factory, and mission field you will come face to face with many problems and temptations. We will not be with you to counsel; the class will not call a meeting to discuss the matter; you must consider and make the decision yourself. May this comforting thought ever be with you, namely, that the entire class is looking to the same One for guidance in every problem of life, and as a class or as individuals we may conquer with Him.

May God richly bless each one of you as you leave this institution and enter upon life's duties as planned by Him, and may you ever be found in His will.

—D. Ralph Hostetter.





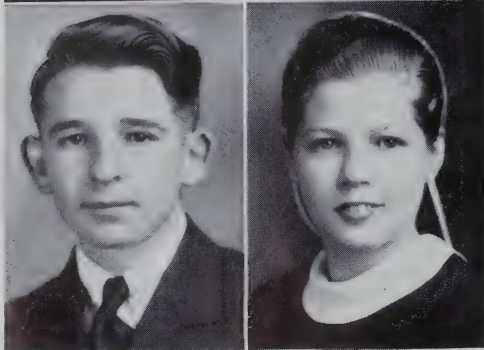


**Edith Alwine**

H. S. Bible II

Johnstown, Pa.  
Armerian.

Diligent and deliberative . . . enjoys helping others . . . unobtrusive . . . wears a pleasant smile . . . desires a fuller knowledge of God's Word.



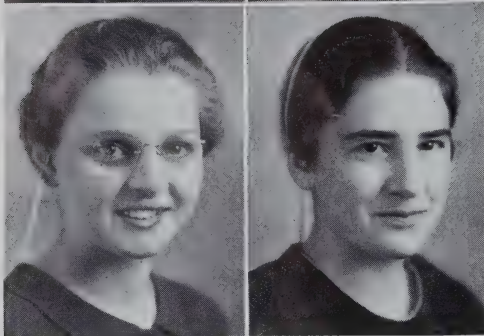
**E. Lorraine Bennett**

H. S. III, IV

Cumberland, Md.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus III; Ladies' Chorus III, IV; Avian IV.

A sparkling personality . . . cultured in her tastes . . . friendly . . . frank . . . enjoys "room-cookery" . . . interested in a nursing career.



**Miriam Brackbill**

H. S. I, II, III, IV

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus II, III, IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV; Sec'y. of Y. P. C. A. IV; Sec'y. of Athletic Association IV; Journal Staff IV.

Possesses poise and dignity . . . performs her duties conscientiously . . . kind and sympathetic . . . optimistic . . . an accomplished athlete . . . an enthusiastic Avian.

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**D. Ralph Hostetter**

Class Adviser

Harrisonburg, Va.

Characterized by a good sense of humor and cheerful optimism . . . practical and original . . . precise and punctual . . . an authority on natural sciences . . . much appreciated for his untiring efforts in behalf of the Senior Class . . . an energetic Christian worker in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

**Jacob Batterman**

H. S. I, II, III, IV

Harrisonburg, Va.

Philomathean; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Is pleasant in disposition . . . delights in practical jokes . . . spends his spare time building model airplanes and working with antique machinery . . . a future mechanic.

**Mabel Berkey**

H. S. IV

Oronogo, Mo.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Ladies' Chorus IV; Avian IV.

Has spent only one year at E. M. S. but has won many friends . . . has an aesthetic nature . . . vivacious . . . her lyric soprano voice places her in demand for quartet work.



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**M. Ellen Brunk**

H. S. III, IV

Hyattsville, Md.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus III, IV; Ladies' Chorus III, IV; Nature Society III, Avian IV; Class Treasurer IV; Journal Staff IV.

Characterized by industry and dispatch . . . wins many friends by her cheerfulness and congeniality . . . possesses musical talent . . . capable and persevering . . . a future stenographer.

**Evelyn Juanita Brunk**

H. S. I, II, III, IV

Harrisonburg, Va.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus III, IV.

Known by her sunny smile . . . affable disposition . . . a typical Virginian . . . mischievous . . . likes rural life.

**Paul J. Bucher**

Jr. Coll. II

Upland, Cal.

Beulah College H. S. '35; Smithsonian; Men's Chorus; Vice President of Senior Class.

Comes from the "Golden State" . . . has deep convictions . . . loves to sing . . . peacefully sailing the sea of matrimony . . . eager to serve his Master.

**J. Harold Breneman** Jr. Coll. Bible I, II

Willow Street, Pa.

West Lampeter H. S. '29; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus I, II; Men's Chorus I, II; Avian I, II; Y. P. C. A. Cabinet II.

Studious . . . undemonstrative and hesitant . . . talented singer . . . an able basket ball player . . . active in Christian work.

**Esther Elizabeth Brunk** H. S. III, IV

Hyattsville, Md.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus III, IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Unpretentious . . . sociable and sympathetic . . . has literary ability . . . loves the out-of-doors . . . interested in the nursing profession.

**Anne Marie Brunk** Jr. Coll. I, II

Washington, D. C.

Eastern H. S. '37; Smithsonian; Avian I, II; Journal Staff II.

A proficient reader . . . has a wide and deep appreciation of literature . . . enjoys a good joke . . . amicable and courteous . . . a fast worker and efficient student.





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**Charles N. Cline** H. S. III, IV  
Harrisonburg, Va.

Armerian; Nature Society III.

Distinguished for his enthusiasm in athletics . . . an experienced dairyman . . . his countenance is cheery . . . always on hand for a discussion.

**G. Richard Cutrell** H. S. IV  
Scottdale, Pa.

Armerian; Avian IV.

A devotee of photography . . . sprightly and energetic . . . always where fun is going on . . . prospective printer at the Mennonite Publishing House.

**Harold E. Denlinger** Normal I, II  
Paradise, Pa.

E. M. S. H. S. '37; Smithsonian; Astral I; Avian II.

Endowed with a persuasive personality . . . Model School pupils admire him . . . his personal touch assures him of many friends . . . humorous . . . well groomed.

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**Sylvia Burkholder** H. S. II, IV  
Waynesboro, Va.

Philomathean; Ladies' Chorus IV.

Has a distinctive chuckle . . . good basket ball player . . . art student . . . good-natured . . . fun-loving . . . future farmerette for Augusta County.

**Pauline V. Cline** H. S. III, IV  
Broadway, Va.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus III, IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Sparkling black eyes . . . an interesting conversationalist . . . neat and prim . . . skating is her hobby . . . students enjoy Southern meals in her Broadway home.

**Anna F. Dayton** H. S. II, III, IV  
Ridgeley, W. Va.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus III; Ladies' Chorus IV; Avian IV.

Has a good-natured disposition . . . sweet dignity . . . gets things done . . . has decided viewpoints . . . adept in her favorite subject, home economics.



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**Mabel E. Eshleman**

Harrisonburg, Va.

Normal I, II

E. M. S. H. S. '33; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus I; Astral I, II; Assoc. Editor of Journal II; Assoc. Editor of Sr. Journal.

Gifted with a reserved and tranquil nature . . . pleasant and good-natured . . . intellectual . . . capable of shouldering responsibility . . . a future teacher.

**Mary R. Geil**

Broadway, Va.

H. S. I, II, III, IV

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus III, IV; Ladies' Chorus III; Senior Journal Artist.

Modest and orderly . . . capable artist . . . has stick-to-it-iveness . . . her ambition is to be a stenographer.

**Mildred P. Good**

Harrisonburg, Va.

H. S. I, II, III, IV

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus III; Ladies' Chorus IV; Astral IV.

She has been with us four years . . . a sympathetic and appreciative friend . . . drives a Ford to school . . . aspires to the nursing profession.

**Dora V. Engle**

Cochranville, Pa.

Normal I, II

Cochranville H. S. '37; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus I, II; Ladies' Chorus I; Avian I, II.

A good friend with a good nature . . . quiet and unassuming . . . does not borrow trouble . . . whole-heartedly devoted to her Model School pupils.

**Joseph H. Garber**

Lititz, Pa.

Normal I, II

Ephrata H. S. '35; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus I, II; Men's Chorus I, II; Avian I; Astral II; Y. P. C. A. Cabinet II.

Can be depended upon to do his best . . . obliging . . . holds his own in an argument . . . enthusiastic book salesman . . . prospective teacher.

**Mildred A. Good**

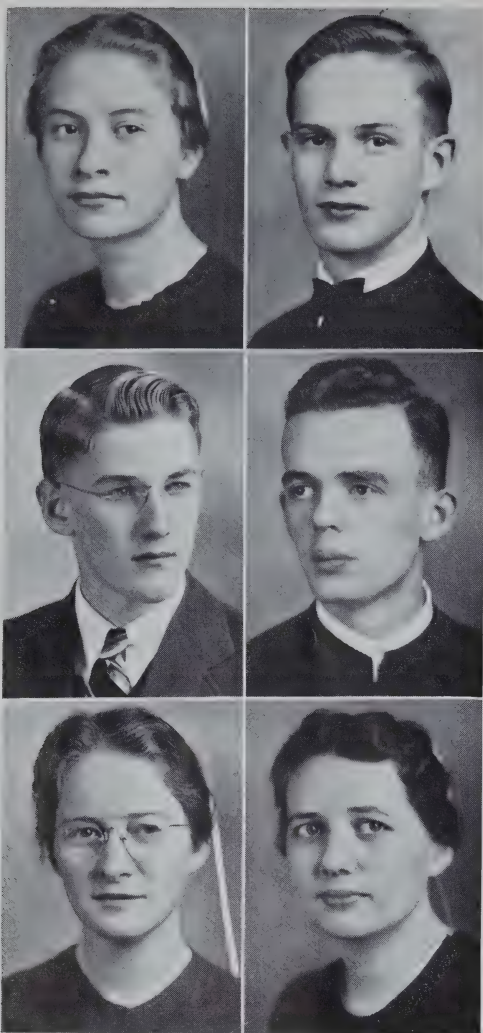
Harrisonburg, Va.

H. S. IV

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus IV.

The two Mildreds are "good" in name and disposition . . . sparkling, mischievous eyes . . . jocund and carefree.





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**Roy W. Harnish** H. S. IV  
Lancaster, Pa.

Philomathean; Astral IV.

Enjoys school . . . sedate and reticent . . . outstanding on the basket ball floor and the baseball diamond . . . Lancaster County is his Utopia . . . a future farmer.

**Irvin B. Horst** Jr. Coll. Bible I, II  
Reinholds, Pa.

Smithsonian; Men's Chorus II; Astral I, II; Y. P. C. A. Cabinet II; Class President II; Editor of Journal II; Editor of Senior Journal.

Keen observer of character . . . competent assistant librarian . . . dignified . . . efficient . . . has a good sense of humor . . . leader in religious and social activities.

**Esther Huber** Jr. Coll. I, II  
Lancaster, Pa.

West Lampeter H. S. '32; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus I, II; Ladies' Chorus I; Astral I, II; Class Secretary II; Journal Staff II.

Has a delightfully cheerful and agreeable temperament . . . efficient waitress . . . talented singer . . . teaching is her chosen profession, preferably in the South.

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**Virginia E. Grove** H. S. II, III, IV  
Dale Enterprise, Va.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus III, IV; Nature Society III; Journal Staff IV.

Leads honor roll . . . excellent German student . . . an exact and emphatic reader . . . original . . . witty . . . capable and industrious.

**Dwight Hartman** H. S. I, II, III, IV  
Harrisonburg, Va.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus III; Nature Society III.

Air-minded . . . likes chemistry . . . in demand for motorcycle rides . . . dependable . . . real gentleman . . . mechanically inclined.

**M. Margaret Horst** H. S. I, II, III, IV  
Hagerstown, Md.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus I, II, III; Ladies' Chorus III; Nature Society III; Avian IV; Sec. Athletic Association III.

Her optimism is contagious . . . kind and affectionate . . . buoyant . . . spontaneous laughter . . . possesses musical talent.



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**Donald Jantzi**

H. S. Bible I, II

Alden, N. Y.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus II; Men's Chorus II; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Eager for knowledge . . . diligent athletic custodian . . . serious yet humorous . . . enjoys jovial give-and-take . . . delights in service for his Lord.

**Arthur S. Kraybill**

H. S. II, III, IV

Mount Joy, Pa.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Men's Chorus II, IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Recognizes everybody . . . dignified and mannerly . . . amateur photographer . . . inquiring mind . . . has things to eat in his room.

**E. Lucille Leasa**

Jr. Coll. I, II

Belleville, Pa.

E. M. S. H. S. '37; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus I, II; Astral I, II; Journal Staff I; Assoc. Editor of Senior Journal.

Hails from Missouri . . . has candid opinions . . . a good conversationalist . . . versatile . . . talented singer . . . a mission Sunday school teacher . . . a budding pedagogue.

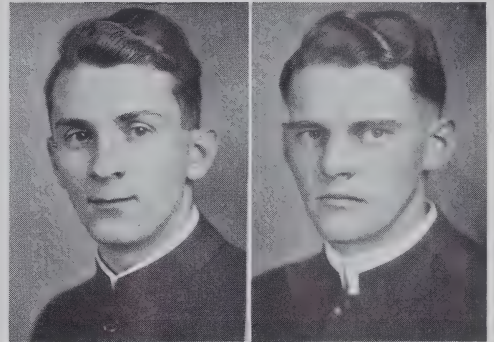
**Paul A. Hunsberger**

H. S. Bible II; H. S. III, IV

Waterloo, Ontario

Graduate of Ontario Mennonite Bible School; Armerian; Mixed Chorus III, IV; Nature Society III; Y. P. C. A. Cabinet IV.

Enjoys cooking his own meals . . . jolly and friendly . . . speculative . . . qualified singer . . . willing and ready to serve the Church.



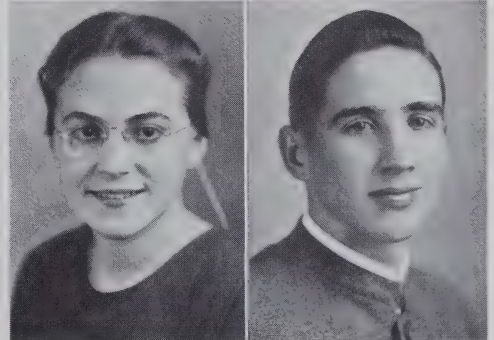
**Ruth M. Krady**

H. S. III, IV

Willow Street, Pa.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus III, IV; Ladies' Chorus III, IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Refined . . . neat and methodical . . . has musical talent . . . makes good use of opportunities . . . a capable house-keeper.



**Margaret S. Kreider**

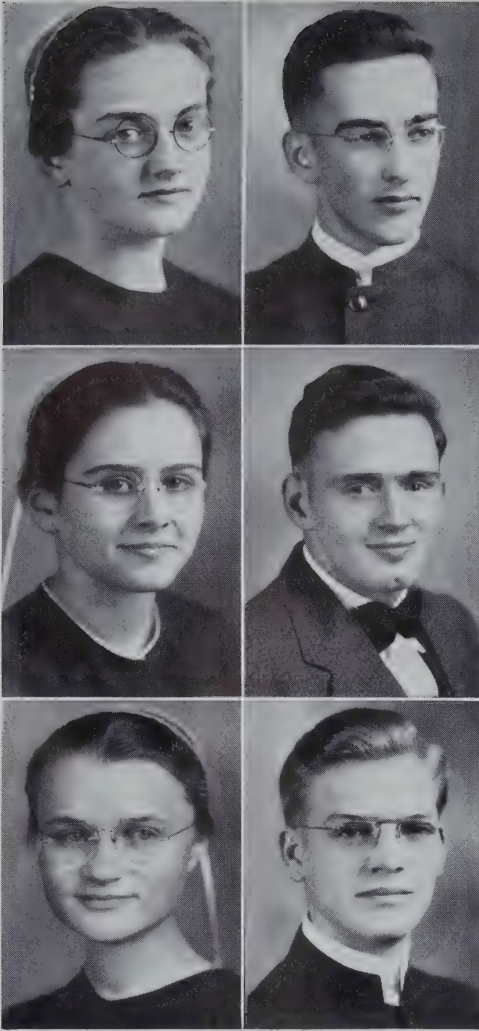
H. S. Bible I, II

Elverson, Pa.

Philomathean; Astral II.

Propriety of behavior . . . sympathetic nature . . . does not shirk duty . . . patient . . . persevering . . . loves her Bible . . . sincerely devoted to her Lord.





**Harold D. Lehman** Normal I, II  
Harrisonburg, Va.

E. M. S. H. S. '36; H. S. Bible '37; Srithsonian; Mixed Chorus I, II; Men's Chorus I, II; Avian I, II; Treasurer of Y. P. C. A. II; Business Manager of Sr. Class I, II.

Business man . . . hides his feelings . . . dignified personality . . . a Lehman tenor . . . teaching is his chosen vocation.

**Reuel L. Lehman** H. S. III, IV  
Chambersburg, Pa.

Armerian; Avian IV.

Ambitious . . . resolute . . . likes fun and mischief . . . enjoys his literature classes . . . a book enthusiast.

**Paul H. Martin** H. S. I, II, III, IV  
Chambersburg, Pa.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus II, IV; Men's Chorus III, IV; Nature Society III; Astral III; Avian IV; Y. P. C. A. Cabinet IV; Senior Journal Staff IV.

Tall and erect . . . respectable . . . has high ideals in life which he is ready to defend . . . photographer, speaker, and debater . . . admirable Christian character.

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**Elsie E. Lehman** H. S. I, II, III, IV  
Harrisonburg, Va.

Philomathean; Nature Society III; Avian IV; Ladies' Chorus II, III, IV; Mixed Chorus III, IV.

Assiduous . . . takes a special interest in music . . . self-reliant . . . efficient typing student . . . looks forward to college.

**Miriam V. Lehman** H. S. I, II, III, IV  
Harrisonburg, Va.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus II, III, IV; Ladies' Chorus II, III, IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV; Journal Staff III.

Has decided viewpoints . . . painstaking . . . likes to show others a good time . . . a ready literary participant . . . deserves mention in debating.

**Mary E. Martin** H. S. I, II, III, IV  
Harrisonburg, Va.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus III; Nature Society III; Astral IV.

Quiet . . . inconspicuous . . . plays her part off the stage . . . art devotee . . . dependable . . . has proven that the wise are not always talkers.



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**Guy Miley**

H. S. I, II, III, IV

Harrisonburg, Va.  
Philomathean; Nature Society III.

Taciturn . . . composed . . . expert ping-pong player . . . basket ball star . . . does not let his studies worry him.

**Harold Ours**

H. S. I, II, III, IV

Harrisonburg, Va.  
Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Artist . . . entertaining humorist . . . alert . . . expeditious . . . mechanically inclined . . . lessons do not interfere with his education.

**Floyd A. Shank**

Coll. Bible I, II, III, IV

Greencastle, Pa.  
Greencastle H. S. '29; E. M. S. Jr. Coll. Bible '37; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus II, III, IV; Men's Chorus I; Avian III; Astral IV; Y. P. C. A. Vice President IV; Senior Journal Artist.

Theologian . . . sincere . . . an accomplished artist and cartoonist . . . motivated with deep spiritual convictions . . . has tactful salesmanship ability which will prove valuable in his work for the Mennonite Publishing House.

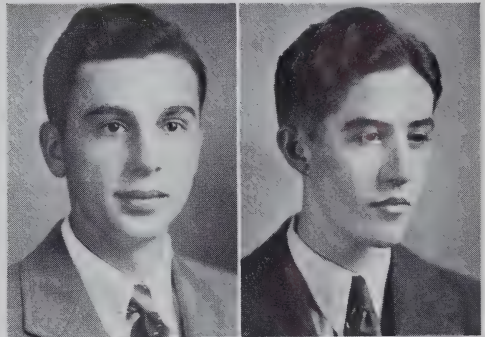
**Earl M. Maust**

H. S. III, IV

Bay Port, Mich.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus III, IV;  
Men's Chorus III, IV; Nature Society III; Astral III, IV.

A melodious first tenor . . . walks briskly . . . reticent . . . a friend among friends . . . "There is no place like Michigan" . . . a prospective farmer.



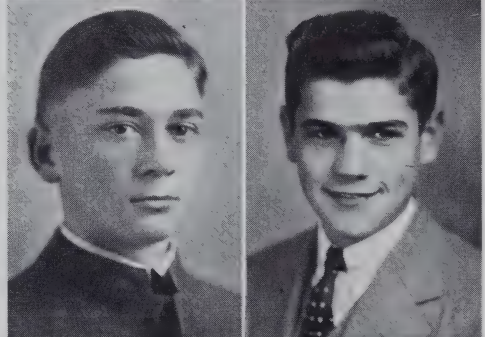
**Lowell Nissley**

H. S. II, IV

Malvern, Pa.

Philomathean; Avian IV.

Gentleman . . . soldierly walk . . . considerate . . . optimistic . . . likes the sunny South . . . his sterling character has won many admirers.



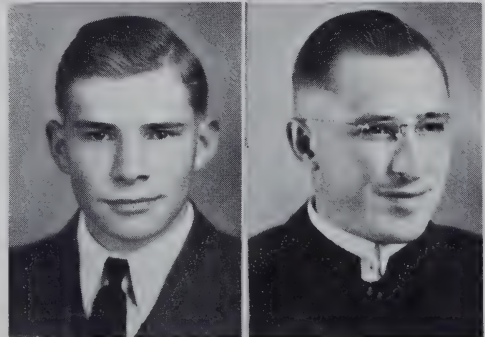
**Richard Pellman**

H. S. IV

Richfield, Pa.

Philomathean; Avian IV.

Capable manager of the campus road project . . . diligent . . . loyal to the Keystone state . . . congenial . . . expects to return to the farm.





**Stuart Shank** H. S. III, IV  
Linville, Va.

Philomathean.

A typical Virginian with a southern brogue . . . droll . . . jocular . . . interested in turkey raising . . . will be a progressive Virginia farmer.

**Theda B. Shetter** Normal I, II  
Chambersburg, Pa.

Chambersburg H. S. '37; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus I, II; Ladies' Chorus I; Avian I.

Takes life as it comes and enjoys it . . . laughs whole-heartedly . . . a pleasant and obliging friend . . . a future school teacher.

**Ethel M. Showalter** H. S. IV  
Broadway, Va.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Avian IV.

Spreads sunshine everywhere . . . has an agreeable temperament . . . finds time for many out-of-door activities . . . frequently entertains students in her home.

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**Katherine F. Shank** H. S. II, III, IV  
Linville, Va.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus II, III.

Spontaneous . . . sportive . . . an animated conversationalist . . . cooks for herself . . . aspires to the nursing profession.

**Stanley Shenk** H. S. IV  
Biglerville, Pa.

Armerian; Astral IV; Journal Staff IV.

Philosophical inclinations . . . closely associated with Webster . . . a ready controvertist . . . capable of thinking . . . likes football . . . interested in forestry.

**Aaron C. Showalter** H. S. III, IV  
Harrisonburg, Va.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus III, IV; Men's Chorus III, IV; Nature Society III; Y. P. C. A. Cabinet IV.

Considerate of others . . . energetic debater and orator . . . not afraid of work . . . receives much satisfaction and joy in Christian service . . . realizes the seriousness of life.



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**Clarence S. Stauffer**

Manheim, Pa.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus III, IV; Men's Chorus III, IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

H. S. III, IV

Enjoys strawberry shortcake and German . . . his never-be-despondent manner permits no room for gloom . . . at home on the soccer field . . . plans for a college education.

**Margaret E. Warfel**

Fentress, Va.

Armerian.

H. S. IV

Seen but not heard . . . takes life calmly . . . loves solitude . . . in quest for more Bible knowledge.

**Elwood D. Weaver**

Stuarts Draft, Va.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus IV; Men's Chorus IV; Avian IV.

H. S. I, II, IV

Enjoys life to the full . . . kind-hearted . . . always has a joke to fit the occasion . . . will probably follow his father's occupation as a hatcheryman.

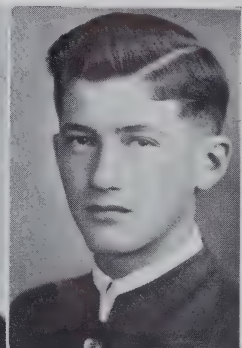
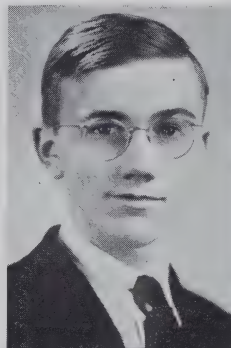
**John T. Showalter**

Harrisonburg, Va.

Smithsonian.

Jr. Coll. I, II

Possesses an inventive mind . . . physics is his delight . . . sometimes called "John Studebaker" because of his fervor in defending Studebakers . . . droll . . . interesting because he is interested.



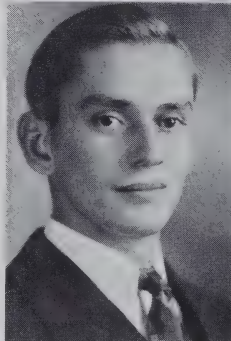
**Mahlon H. Stoltzfus**

Elverson, Pa.

H. S. IV

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus IV; Avian IV.

The youngest of the Stoltzfus family . . . possesses the traits of dependability and leadership . . . prominent in athletics . . . a farmer at heart.



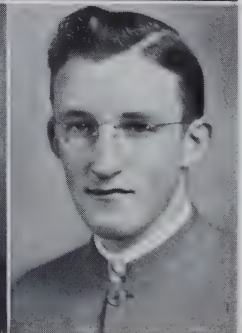
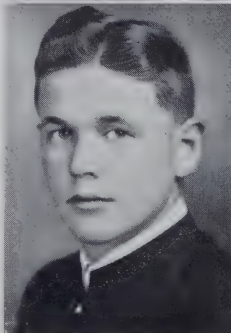
**Cleo W. Weaver**

Harrisonburg, Va.

H. S. I, II, III, IV

Armerian; Mixed Chorus III, IV; Men's Chorus II, III, IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Spirited . . . light-hearted . . . a basket ball star . . . a proved baritone . . . has spice for every occasion . . . a capable clerk in his father's grocery store.



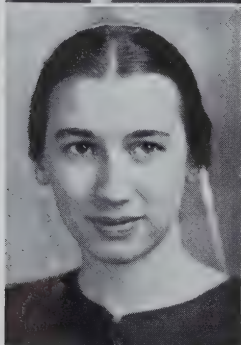


**Winston O. Weaver**  
Harrisonburg, Va.

H. S. I, II, III, IV

Armerian.

Dignified . . . business-like . . . practical and self-reliant . . . ready to speak his convictions . . . has an unusual vein of humor.



**Alta Wenger**  
Bareville, Pa.

Jr. Coll. I, II

Upper Leacock H. S. '34; Smithsonian; Avian I, II.

Most agreeable assistant matron . . . a capable student . . . spontaneous humor . . . her countenance expressive of a kind heart . . . a devoted Christian.



**Edith Yoder**  
Denbigh, Va.

Jr. Coll. II

Morrison H. S. '23; Smithsonian; Avian II

Cheerful . . . witty . . . has a tantalizing humor . . . a registered nurse, often called upon to assist Sister Mary . . . a good Southern housekeeper.



**Thelma L. Martin**  
Hagerstown, Md.

H. S. III, IV

Philomathean; Nature Society III.

Inquisitive and exact by nature . . . positive in her attitudes . . . frank . . . hustling and industrious . . . expects to be a comfort to the sick.



## ADDRESS: WELCOME AND APPRECIATION

We have reached our goal. That which we dreamed about has become a reality. The objective for which we strove we have attained. The road was long and hard. We often wished for seven-leagued boots but step by step, little by little, we have finally attained this another rung in the academic ladder.

The Senior Class of '39 heartily and sincerely welcomes you on this occasion. It is altogether fitting that we should share these honors with you. We are the happier because you are with us.

Of all assembled we especially welcome you, our parents. Since we have left home we have acquired a deeper appreciation of what you mean to us. Your prayers and plans have brought us these eternal benefits. Your sacrifices will always be sacred to us for they are sacrifices of love. You are most welcome.

Faculty members, you are welcome. We owe you a great debt. You have kindled us with your enthusiasm as you sympathetically directed us in our quest for knowledge. You have helped us to develop a right philosophy of life which expresses itself in our motto "With Him We Conquer."

We are glad to have among us, tonight, our fellow students—you, who have made school life so enjoyable for us. You have shared our experiences and we will have happy memories of your comradeship—the lively class periods, the quiet devotional hours, the Junior-Senior outing, the strenuous school duties, and the heart-to-heart chats. May God bless you.

Alumni members, relatives, neighbors, friends, your presence speaks an interest and concern. "Take off your wraps, find seats, and just feel at home."

In behalf of the Senior Class I wish to express our gratitude for what has been done for us.

God deserves our first and greatest thanks. His providence brought us to this place. Here at school His Spirit has incited us to fuller consecration and motivated us to holier living. We have no greater gifts to offer Him than ourselves—therefore we have enlisted in His service.

We acknowledge our debt to those men of vision and courage who began and made possible the work of this institution; to the Board of Trustees who is maintaining this worthy cause; to the Faculty for so nobly serving this cause. We are grateful for the privilege of receiving our training in a church-controlled school. Education, as we know it today, was born and cradled in the environment of the church, and the education which will promote the true intellectual and spiritual development of man must remain in control of the church. We will always honor this institution.

Dear Class Adviser, we placed our confidence in you; you became a Hobab to us for you carefully and prudently guided us in our class activities. Your interest and concern has contributed to our success. God bless you.

Dear Classmates, this is the last time we shall all be together. I put this confidence in you that you will always honor this institution and the Mennonite faith. This is my advice: Do not become absorbed in the materialistic spirit of the age. Never be satisfied to spend all your time making money. Above the sonorous call of the professional world be able to hear the cry of sin-burdened souls and the commission of our Master. Remember our motto "With Him We Conquer."

The time has come to say farewell. It will indeed be painful, but we know that we will take with us each other's love, interest, and prayers. God richly bless you all.

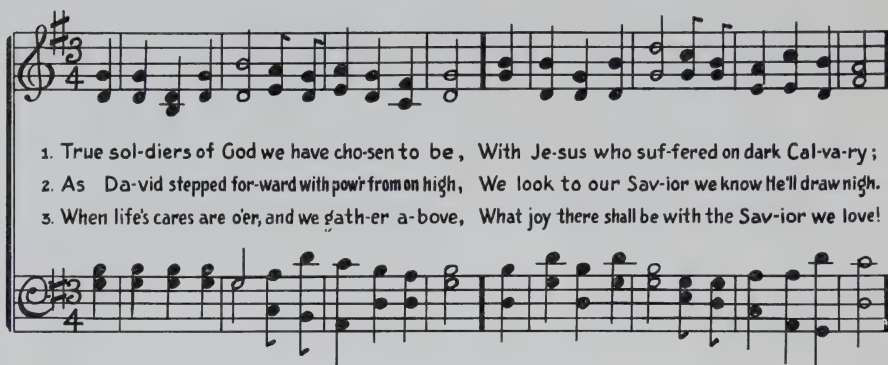
—Irvin B. Horst.

CLASS SONG

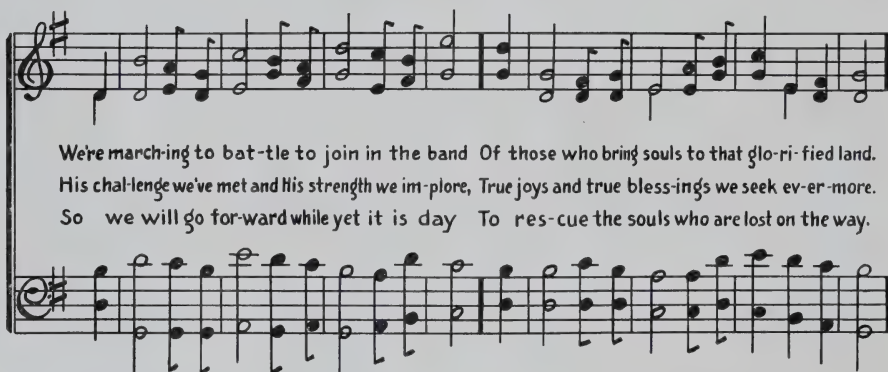
**WITH HIM WE CONQUER**

Harold E. Denlinger

Earl M. Maust

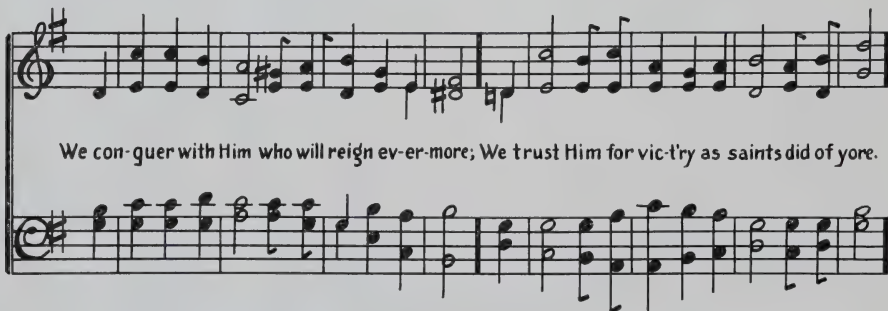


1. True sol-diers of God we have cho-sen to be, With Je-sus who suf-fered on dark Cal-va-ry;  
 2. As Da-vid stepped for-ward with pow'r from on high, We look to our Sav-ior we know He'll draw nigh.  
 3. When life's cares are o'er, and we gath-er a-bove, What joy there shall be with the Sav-ior we love!

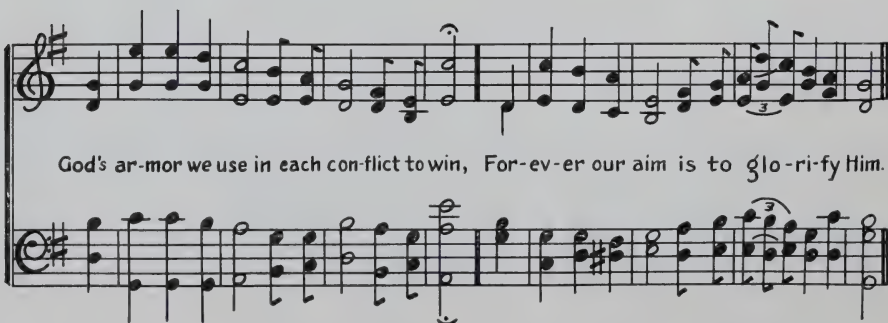


We're march-ing to bat-tle to join in the band Of those who bring souls to that glo-ri-fied land.  
 His chal-lenge we've met and His strength we im-plore, True joys and true bless-ings we seek ev-er-more.  
 So we will go for-ward while yet it is day To res-cue the souls who are lost on the way.

Chorus



We con-quer with Him who will reign ev-er-more; We trust Him for vic-t'ry as saints did of yore.



God's ar-mor we use in each con-flict to win, For-ev-er our aim is to glo-ri-fy Him.



CLASS POEM

WITH HIM WE CONQUER

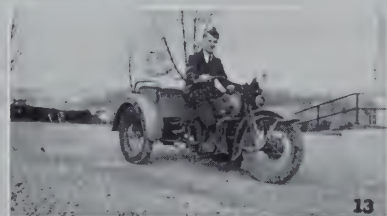
All alone

He stands on the threshold of life  
In the vigor and freshness of youth;  
In his heart lies great joy and fond hope,  
In his eye the bright sparkle of truth;  
Far away winds the path he must tread—  
How I long to direct him to One  
Who amid changing tumult and calm,  
Is sole Captain and Guide of "His own";  
Not alone can he meet all life's tests,  
Nor alone face the tempter's grim power,  
But by taking the Christ as his Lord,  
He'll receive needed strength every hour,  
    With Him to conquer.

Not alone

Are we standing, expectant, today  
At the threshold of life—while beyond  
Still unknown lies the great world and wide,  
And tho' trials we meet, why despond?  
For we know Whom we love, Whom we trust,  
We this race in rapt ardor begin,  
We accept Him our Strength and our Stay,  
He the vict'ry o'er evil will win;  
We are yearning, impatient to go,  
We see strange and new lands to explore;  
'Tis with confidence, steadfast and sure,  
That we look to the Christ as of yore,  
    "With Him We Conquer."

—Mabel Eshleman



## SENIORS

1. On the Lookout. 2. Senior Journal in the Making. 3. Long and Short. 4. It Runs. 5. Senior Journal Staff. 6. A Musician. 7. Friends of the Birds. 8. Student Teachers. 9. Industrious Seniors. 10. You Are Too Late. 11. Cleo Clerking. 12. Our Secretary. 13. Dwight.



## REMINISCENCES

As I look back over the last two years spent at E. M. S., I have many pleasant memories of outstanding events in our school life.

Class spirit became evident in the fall of '37 when we organized as a Junior class with a membership of seventy-eight. One of our first privileges was that of choosing a class adviser. This resulted in the election of Bro. Hostetter. We will long remember May 24, 1938, for that memorable date marks the pleasant evening we spent at our class adviser's home.

The Junior-Senior outing was another bright spot in our Junior year. Oh, how we worked to entertain the Seniors, for we thought that such an honored group should be entertained royally. Following the directions given in their passports, they were conducted to a beautiful spot near the foot of the Alleghenies. The afternoon was enjoyably spent playing games and climbing a mountain. Refreshments were served by the Junior boys who wore little frilly aprons.

Last September we entered these doors to take up our tasks and to assume the responsibility which would be ours as a Senior class. To the sixty-three of us this year has been filled with many happy events. Long will we remember the delightful incidents that occurred in classroom, dormitory, campus, and on the outings.

Do you remember the time Ellen Brunk reached the top of Hone Quarry Mountain before any of the other girls? We admired her agility as a mountain climber. Others who excelled in mountain climbing were Paul Bucher and Stanley Shenk who raced to the top of Massanutten Peak. They both claim the victory.

You also remember the time in civics class when Bro. Brunk in discussing gasoline prices remarked to Lorraine Bennett, "You have cheap gas in the state of Maryland, haven't you?" Lorraine indignantly retorted "Why we have not! We have good gas!"

Speaking of gasoline makes me think of Harold Ours and his red, air-conditioned, Model "T" Ford. It is nothing unusual to see a half-dozen boys taking a "spin" around the campus. Harold boasts that he can safely convey at least fifteen passengers. Winston Weaver claims that it is not safe to crank the "Teaberry," because his experience resulted in a broken arm. That reminds me of the time Harold Denlinger dislocated his shoulder while supervising and playing a game with the Park School children. That must have been a rough game.

We have a number of artists in our group this year. Two of the most outstanding are Floyd Shank and Mary Geil.

Even the cooks have felt the effects of some of the boys' pranks. To their dismay, one morning an unusual number of boys came down to breakfast. This was caused by three of our wide awake Senior boys determining to get every boy out of bed in time for breakfast.

We were convinced at the Christmas social that the boys as well as the girls could make fancy gifts. Our president, Irvin Horst, and Harold Breneman each made a beautiful doily, one of which won first prize as the most unique gift.

I have had time to relate only a few of the many interesting incidents of school life which, I am sure, will always linger pleasantly in our memories.

—Virginia Grove.



#### JUNIORS

BACK ROW (Left to right): S. Nafziger, Cutrell, Hollopeter, E. Nafziger, Loux, A. Miller, Keener.  
 FIFTH ROW: Hertzler, Ruhl, Marks, Brackbill, Lehman, Lehnhoff, C. Miller, R. Alger, J. P. Alger.  
 FOURTH ROW: Hose, Marlin Weaver, Brunk, Shank, Burkholder, Peachey, Helmuth, Martin, Schlabach.  
 THIRD ROW: Lutz, Pennington, Emma Showalter, Coulson, Kurtz, Pence, Krady, Whetzel, V. Nesselrodt.  
 SECOND ROW: Wagler, Heishman, M. Ritchie, Hinkel, Wert, B. Ritchie, Edith Showalter, Mary Weaver, Schwebe, B. Nesselrodt.  
 SEATED: C. Mumaw, Bus. Mgr.; Fisher, Treas.; Suter, Pres.; Shenk, Sec.; Hurst, V. Pres.; J. R. Mumaw, Class Adviser.



#### SOPHOMORES

BACK ROW (Left to right): Showalter, Zook, Watkins, Leitner, M. Landis, Stauffer, Brackbill.  
 MIDDLE ROW: Leaman, Boll, Kauffman, D. Landis, Hartman, Hostetter, Good.  
 SEATED: Eshleman, Geil, Kurtz, Weaver, Suter, Schulz.





#### FRESHMEN

BACK ROW (Left to right): Simmons, Scudder, Baugher, Miley, Benner, Graybill, V. Martin, Ziegler.

THIRD ROW: Lillian McDorman, Hartman, Boyce, Snavelly, V. Wenger, Lydia Lee McDorman, Lehman, Batterman.

SECOND ROW: Brunk, Brenneman, Morris, Koger, R. McDorman, Gross, Mumaw, Kolb.

FIRST ROW: Plank, Kramer, Kaufman, Carr, S. Wenger, E. Martin.



#### SPECIAL

BACK ROW (Left to right): Wenger, Slabaugh, Martin, W. Shank.

FRONT ROW: Hoover, McDowell, Hess, Mrs. W. Shank.

## WITH HIM WE CONQUER

From colleges over our land some students are graduating with the illusion that an education helps one to escape work, drudgery, and hardships—that an education leads one into riches, luxury and pleasure. But I believe that the E. M. S. graduating class of 1939 does not have such a philosophy of life. We do not sit down in ease to let the forces of evil run over our souls. But we have volunteered to enter the spiritual warfare against sin. Experience has taught us that man's mental strategy and physical strength are not capable of combating the powers of Satan. We have given our lives to Jesus Christ and in His Name and with His Spirit we go forward. "With Him We Conquer."

Life is not a gamble if we follow His guidance. Though trials and temptations throng about us, we can boldly and confidently step forward because we know that He will lead us through victoriously.

He is our Friend. No earthly friend is so personal or confidential. He says, "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends."

Every victorious army has laws which must be obeyed diligently. Since we expect to be conquerors, let us consider five cardinal rules of Christ's army.

First, keep in spiritual fellowship with the Lord. Since "in Him we live, and move, and have our being," we should not attempt to go through a day without prayer and Bible reading. To refresh ourselves each morning in a period of private devotion should be our delight.

The second rule, obey His orders, is essential to a well-organized company. Therefore, He emphatically demands obedience to His Spirit as well as to His Word.

Third, confess Christ before men. He says, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." God will not recognize a Christian unless he displays the colors of Jesus Christ.

Fourth, love the brethren. Since "God is love," we can have no part with Him unless we exercise this important virtue.

The last rule is—use the whole armor of God. A part will not suffice—we must have the whole armor. When we have met all the requirements of our Lord, we can go forward with the assurance of victory.

As we look unto Jesus, we hear His command to advance, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Though self and Satan may oppose us, let us hold up the shield of faith, wield the Sword of the Spirit, and advance at the command of our Lord. Millions of souls held in the clutches of sin are waiting for us to come to their rescue. Thirty-six million American boys and girls receive no religious training. More than half of the population of our country are not members of any church. In China there are over four hundred million souls still in spiritual darkness.

My classmates, does not the cry of perishing souls grip your hearts? Is it possible that we can be satisfied in keeping this saving gospel to ourselves? Throughout our lives let us make our first business the salvation of the lost. As our Lord calls us forth will we follow? The work may be great, but "With Him We Conquer."

—Aaron Showalter.





## THE WORK OF THE Y. P. C. A.

The Y. P. C. A. is the Young People's Christian Association of Eastern Mennonite School. For years it has held a large place in school life.

The purpose of the Association is clearly stated in its Constitution, Article I. Section 2, "The object of this organization shall be to enlist the co-operation of all Christian students in order to strengthen the spiritual life of the school; to promote growth in Christian character, fellowship, and aggressive Christian work, especially by and for the students; to train its members for Christian service and to teach them to devote their lives to Jesus Christ and the extension of His Church."

Its membership is composed of the students of Eastern Mennonite School who are members of good standing in any evangelical church. One could get a comprehensive idea of the work carried on by the Y. P. C. A. by spending a week-end visiting in and about the School.

If you arrived here Saturday evening you could go along to a street-meeting either at Grottoes or Elkton, Virginia. The first service that you would attend on Sunday would be the Mission Prayer Meeting held in the Chapel at six o'clock in the morning. You would thoroughly enjoy going with a group of thirty-six young people to distribute "The Way" over Harrisonburg. This paper is distributed once a month. Returning about 9:30 a.m., you would be too late to go along with the group that helps in the Sunday school work on the Blue Ridge Mountains, but you still would have the privilege of going with students to either the mission for the Colored or the mission for the White in Harrisonburg. The mission for the White is in a new, white stucco church building on Chicago Avenue. Here you will find a live Sunday school with an enrollment of about eighty-five.

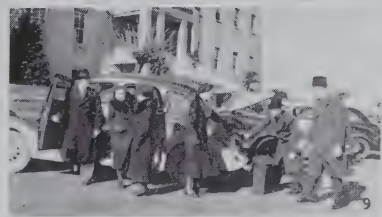
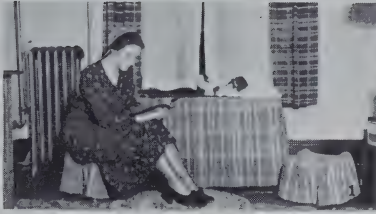
After dinner has been served at the School you could go to services at the city almshouse, jail, or county almshouse. Or you may wish to go with one of the groups doing visitation work and holding cottage meetings in the city and in the rural districts. At the city almshouse you would find a number of souls hungering for the gospel. No one conducts any religious services there except the group sent by the Y. P. C. A. every two weeks. After this service we would still have enough time to conduct a cottage meeting before supper. After supper at the School we could stay for the Young People's Bible Meeting which is arranged for and given by members of the Y. P. C. A. or we could go to the mission for the White or the mission for the Colored. At Federal and Gay Streets in Harrisonburg you would see dozens of polished, black faces pressing through the doorway of the weatherboard building. After returning to school you could relax and think that you had seen at least part of the work carried on by the Y. P. C. A. each Sunday.

But from a visit over one week-end you could not see all the activities of the Y. P. C. A. You would have to stay longer to get acquainted with the socials, the recreational trips, the Friday morning devotion, the mission-study classes, the mission programs, the wide distribution of tracts, and the sending out of gospel-teams.

The Young People's Christian Association plays a definite part in the life of each student. When students leave this institution there is often in their hearts an aching void for the blessings and experiences enjoyed in the work of the Y. P. C. A. The young people who have never yet been at E. M. S. and experienced these blessings have a store of good things waiting for them.

—Floyd A. Shank.





# RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

1. Alone with God. 2. The Hills Resound. 3. To West Virginia. 4. Blue Ridge Mission. 5. Y. P. C. A. Cabinet. 6. Pa. Gospel Team. 7. "Power" Room. 8. Off to Distribute "The Way." 9. Back from Knoxville. 10. County Almshouse. 11. Ohio Gospel Team. 12. Special Bible Term Instructors.



#### MIXED CHORUS

BACK ROW (Left to right): Berkey, Shetter, Burkholder, Hose, H. Lehman, Kraybill, Maust, Martin, Jantzi, Breneman, Kreider, E. Weaver, C. Weaver, Ours, Suter.

THIRD ROW: Emma Showalter, M. Brackbill, Esther Brunk, Esther Lehman, Nafziger, Stauffer, Keener, Hurst, Shank, Garber, Mumaw, C. Cline, M. Landis, Elmer Showalter, Hunsberger.

SECOND ROW: Krady, Engle, Shenk, Evelyn Brunk, Grove, Huber, Leasa, M. Kurtz, G. Brackbill, Kemrer, Lehnhoff, R. Brackbill, Edith Showalter, Ellen Brunk, M. Weaver, Elsie Lehman.

SEATED: R. Kurtz, M. Good, P. Cline, D. Landis, Coulson, C. K. Lehman, Director; Hartman, M. Lehman, Geil, Heishman, Edith Brunk.

#### MUSIC AT E. M. S.

Listen! I think I hear music. It cannot be the melody of a musical instrument for it is much more significant and expressive. It is the involuntary testimony of a heart which is in tune with God. "Music is the soul of the universe," and I believe it is also the soul of E. M. S.

If you need a "blues-chaser" become a member of the Mixed Chorus where under the capable direction of Bro. Chester Lehman you cannot possibly remain blue while joining wholeheartedly in singing "The Hallelujah Chorus" or "The Heavens Are Telling."

The chorus rendered a Christmas program consisting of familiar Christmas songs in addition to selections from composers such as Mozart and Gounod. During Short Bible Term a program was given at which time the more difficult and less familiar songs from Life Songs No. 2 were rendered. After Short Term the Chorus was busily, yet enjoyably engaged in ironing out the difficult parts of "The Holy City" and in memorizing "David, the Shepherd Boy." As has become the custom after the rendition of "The Holy City" the audience arose and remained standing as the chorus burst in on the strains of "The Hallelujah Chorus" as a grand finale. "David, the Shepherd Boy" was given the following Sunday afternoon.

Considerable enthusiasm was manifest in the Men's Chorus, no doubt partly due to the wholehearted zeal of the director, Bro. Mark Stauffer. The Ladies' Chorus was under the efficient direction of Bro. Daniel Lehman. Both Men's and Ladies' Choruses furnished music at Public Literary meetings and rendered musical programs at the school and also at various mountain churches. —Harold Breneman.





#### LADIES' CHORUS

BACK ROW (Left to Right): Coulson, Wert, Shank, Esther Lehman, Berkey, M. Kurtz, Stauffer, Bennett, N. Krady, Zook.

FRONT ROW: R. Kurtz, R. Krady, Fisher, Kauffman, Hostetter, Dayton, D. W. Lehman, Director; M. Weaver, M. Lehman, Landis, Elsie Lehman, Brunk.



#### MEN'S CHORUS

BACK ROW (Left to Right): Lehman, Kraybill, Hess, Maust, Suter, C. Weaver, E. Weaver, Martin, Jantzi, Breneman, Bucher, Horst, Garber, Hunsberger.

FRONT ROW: Hurst, Showalter, Stauffer, Hose, Kreider, J. Mark Stauffer, Director; E. Nafziger, Mumaw, Landis, Ruhl, Keener, S. Nafziger.



SMITHSONIANS

### THE LITERARY SOCIETIES

Education is not obtained from books only. How common and distasteful studies and class work would become if students had no profitable recreation to look forward to with anticipation and to recall with fond memories. Literary is one of the most appreciated activities of the school. It is an occurrence as common, yet as eventful, every Friday evening at seven-thirty as ice cream is on Saturday evening at five-thirty.

Our literaries are educational and beneficial as well as recreational. Music is usually a predominating feature; debates, orations, readings, essays, original stories,



ARMERIANS





PHILOMATHEANS

monologues, and conversational duets hold our attention. Some of our programs center around the Bible—especially is this true at Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter seasons. Surprises await us in impromptu programs. We eagerly look forward to the annual parliamentary law drill.

Every student is a member of a literary society. College students are Smithsonians, High School Juniors and Seniors are either Philomatheans or Armerians, and High School Freshmen and Sophomores are Adelprians. Special Bible Term students are Mennovians or Bereans.

—Paul H. Martin.



ADELPHIANS



SHORT BIBLE TERM STUDENTS

### DURING SHORT TERM

After twelve days of vacation we were eager to return to the halls of E. M. S. to again associate with the old students, but much more did we anticipate seeing new faces and hearing strange voices. We were not at all disappointed for when we arrived the halls were resounding with life and activity. Seventy-nine new students had come to live with us for six weeks.

As society grows more complex, and the evils of this age continually surround us, we are awakening to the fact that it is necessary for us as Mennonite young people to be thoroughly established in the faith. Because of this awakening in our Church, many earnest, truth-seeking youths came great distances to attend Short Term. Registration showed that Africa and six states were represented. Thirty-five came from Pennsylvania; twenty-six from Virginia; eight from Ohio; six from Maryland; two from Indiana; one from Delaware; and one from Africa.

We can truly say it seemed like "old times" to have these new students with us, for the boys again vacated the north end of third floor and gave eight rooms to the girls. Instead of the accustomed twelve tables in the dining hall, there were twenty, instead of one waitress there were two, and the number of cooks increased to three.

Probably by this time you may think that the Short Term students came to E. M. S. merely to take the monotony out of our school life. But a careful observer would soon see that they came for a much higher purpose. They came to receive a greater knowledge of the Bible, to deepen their Christian experience, and to prepare for more definite and efficient service.

Consecrated and capable instructors helped them to gain what they were seeking for. We were sorry that Bro. Henry Lutz, one of our former Short Term instructors, could not be with us this year, but we were glad to welcome Bro. Milton Brackbill from Paoli, Pa. to take his place. Bro. J. Irvin Lehman from Chambersburg, Pa. was



on regular duty. Seven of the regular faculty members and Bro. Elam Stauffer from Tanganyika, Africa, assisted in teaching Short Term courses. Although Bro. Lutz could not be with us for the whole term, we were glad to have him spend several days here in giving interesting lectures on Africa.

A richer and deeper experience was gained not only from hours of hard study, but we were drawn nearer to our Lord through Christian fellowship and communion. The Christian Life Conference, revival meetings, and Mission Meeting provided such opportunities.

The Short Term students soon learned that life at E. M. S. was not all study. The social committee arranged for the usual Massanutten Peak climb the first Saturday. Later they also arranged for trips to Luray Caverns and Natural Bridge.

Splendid talent and training was manifest in the public literary program that the Short Term students rendered. The Berean and Mennovian literary societies, organized especially for the Short Term students, provided training in singing, speaking, and debating.

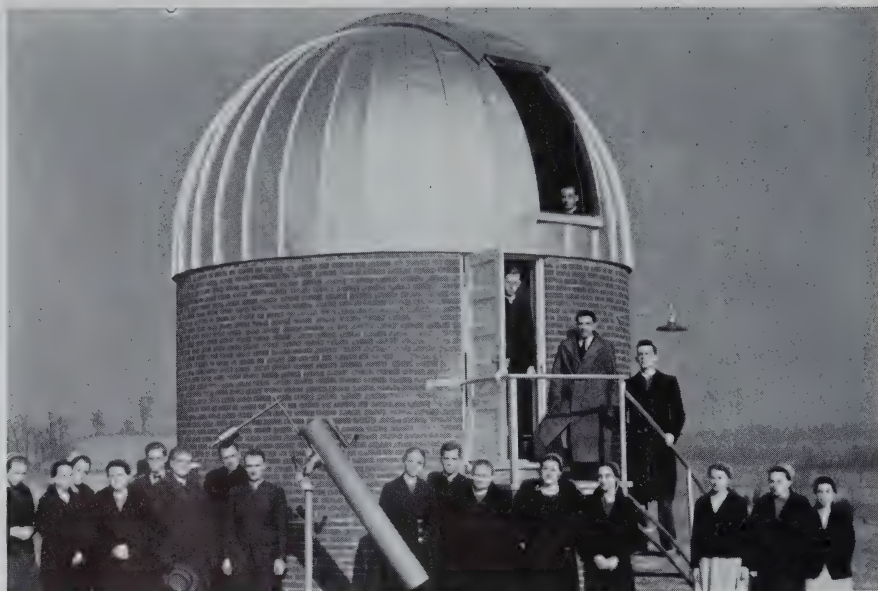
When the day came for the Short Term students to leave, their stay at E. M. S. seemed all too short. They had received what they expected and more; yet they realized that they had only begun to taste of the good things that it is possible for one to enjoy at a Christian school. As a gift to the school in appreciation for blessings received they gave benches for the Industrial Arts department.

Many Mennonite young people are beginning to realize that the morning of life is the time to prepare for the weightier responsibilities that will be ours to bear in just a few years. We are realizing the truth of Quarles' statement: "Pleasure is a shadow, wealth is vanity, and power a pageant; but knowledge is ecstatic in enjoyment, perennial in fame, unlimited in space and infinite in duration."

—Alta Wenger.



SHORT BIBLE TERM STUDENTS



ASTRALITES

### ASTRAL SOCIETY

With the building of the Vesper Heights Observatory and the new six-inch reflecting telescope interest has been deepened in the Society. The telescope is a product of our Society while the Observatory has been financed by the class of 1938. It is thrilling to be able to gaze on the wonders of God's firmament through the eye of a telescope we can call our own.

Meetings were held monthly. Some of the lectures were: "How We Made the Eye of the Telescope," "The Starry Universe," "Life on the Planets," and "The Telescope That Couldn't Be Built."

The Fifth Syzygy of the Astral Society, a reunion of the Astralites, occurred on April 13 in the Physics Laboratory.

The privilege of being an Astralite always awakens one to the exquisite beauty and grandeur of the heavens and stirs one to greater love for the Creator.

—Esther Huber.

### AVIAN SOCIETY

The Avian Society has afforded the student a type of educational recreation which is much appreciated. Field trips are taken nearly every Saturday. It is then that we become personally acquainted with our feathered friends.

We do not confine our trips to nearby places but sometimes we go to Silver Lake where several species of ducks are found. We eagerly anticipate the trip taken each spring to Sparkling Springs where our feathered friends are abundant. Another feature of our outdoor work is that of placing feeding stations on the trees on the campus and in nearby woods.

Once each month we answer the call of our flock leader, Bro. Hostetter, to come and enjoy an evening together in the Biological Laboratory. Some of our programs were entitled "Birds of Prey," "The Human Side of Birds," and "Birds of Other Lands."

—Ellen Brunk.





NATURE SOCIETY

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The Nature Society was organized for the purpose of giving privileges of nature study and nature appreciation to High School and High School Bible Juniors. We meet monthly in the Biology Laboratory and go on hikes to nearby places of interest.

In our monthly meetings we had some very interesting programs such as "Winter Sleepers," "Birds," "Snowflakes." At nearly every meeting, Bro. Hostetter, the sponsor of the Society, showed pictures of various phases of nature. On our hikes we visited Mole Hill, an extinct volcano plug; Tide Springs, an intermittent spring; Travertine Beds, containing many impressions of leaves and twigs; and Chimney Rock at Brocks Gap, a fossil-bearing sandstone formation. —Esther Lehman.



AVIANS



## ALUMNI CONQUERING WITH HIM

You have chosen "With Him We Conquer" as a motto for your class. You have been unified with the bonds of friendship and of fellowship. When you leave this institution you will cease to function as a class, but you will become a part of a much larger group. With your coming to us, our Alumni will total approximately 650. We accept you with the confidence that you will be an added strength to our group, for by living out your motto you can be "more than conquerors." We welcome you, too, because in the battle of conquering self, sin, and the world, we feel that we need to possess a unity of purpose. We need your talents, your powers, and your energies. You will be resources to us.

With the motto you have chosen you cannot fail if you adopt the principles it implies. Life is a daily conflict; one which cannot be fought victoriously in human strength alone. You have recognized the power which is able to conquer. May each of your lives be a challenge to those whom you meet and a blessing to the Church and our Alma Mater.

The Church is looking for dependable youth who are willing and able to carry out her program. The ministry of intercession is open to all who will put into it the time and energy necessary. There is the need for Sunday school teachers who teach not only by word but by life. Summer Bible schools as well as week-day Bible schools are calling for consecrated workers. Mission activities in the home land require the faithful efforts of those who are the Lord's. The call comes from village and city, mountain and lowland. And no less clear is the cry of human souls in foreign fields.

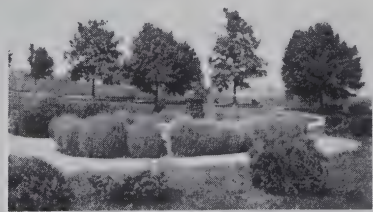
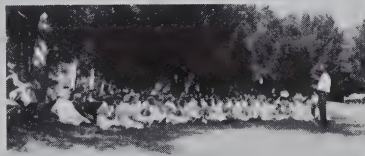
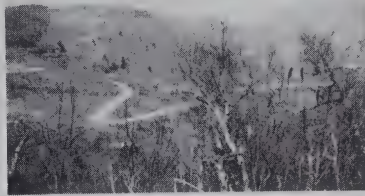
Strong, spiritually-minded young men are needed to fill pulpits. And the work of present church leaders will necessarily need to be succeeded by younger soldiers of the Cross. The educational and publishing interests of our Church call for responsible leadership.

Perhaps the most far-reaching influence is that of Christian living. It matters not in what sphere you are called to serve, nor in what place you shall labor, the power of a godly life is yours to influence those whom you may contact. This power can be felt in any sphere of life—in the home, the schoolroom, the farm, the sick room, the office, or on the mission field. This influence may be an unconscious one, but the life lived close to the Lord is a powerful one. Do not forget the possibilities there are within your life—the power of a godly, consistent, consecrated Christian life.

Our Alumni have been called to serve in all these capacities. We appreciate their faithful service. We thank God for all who continue to live the Biblical standards and ideals as upheld by their Alma Mater. There are those who are working in an environment of sin and who come back to us with clear, ringing testimonies of what the grace of God has done for them. We feel a power in their lives and see spiritual growth. Truly, we can rejoice to see them conquering with Him.

We would not be boastful of what has been accomplished through us as an organization. It is our sincere desire that God receive all the glory. Rather, we would searchingly ask ourselves—have we done as much as we could? Let us awake and respond to the challenge as it comes to us anew in the motto of the class of 1939, "With Him We Conquer."

—Elizabeth B. Mosemann.



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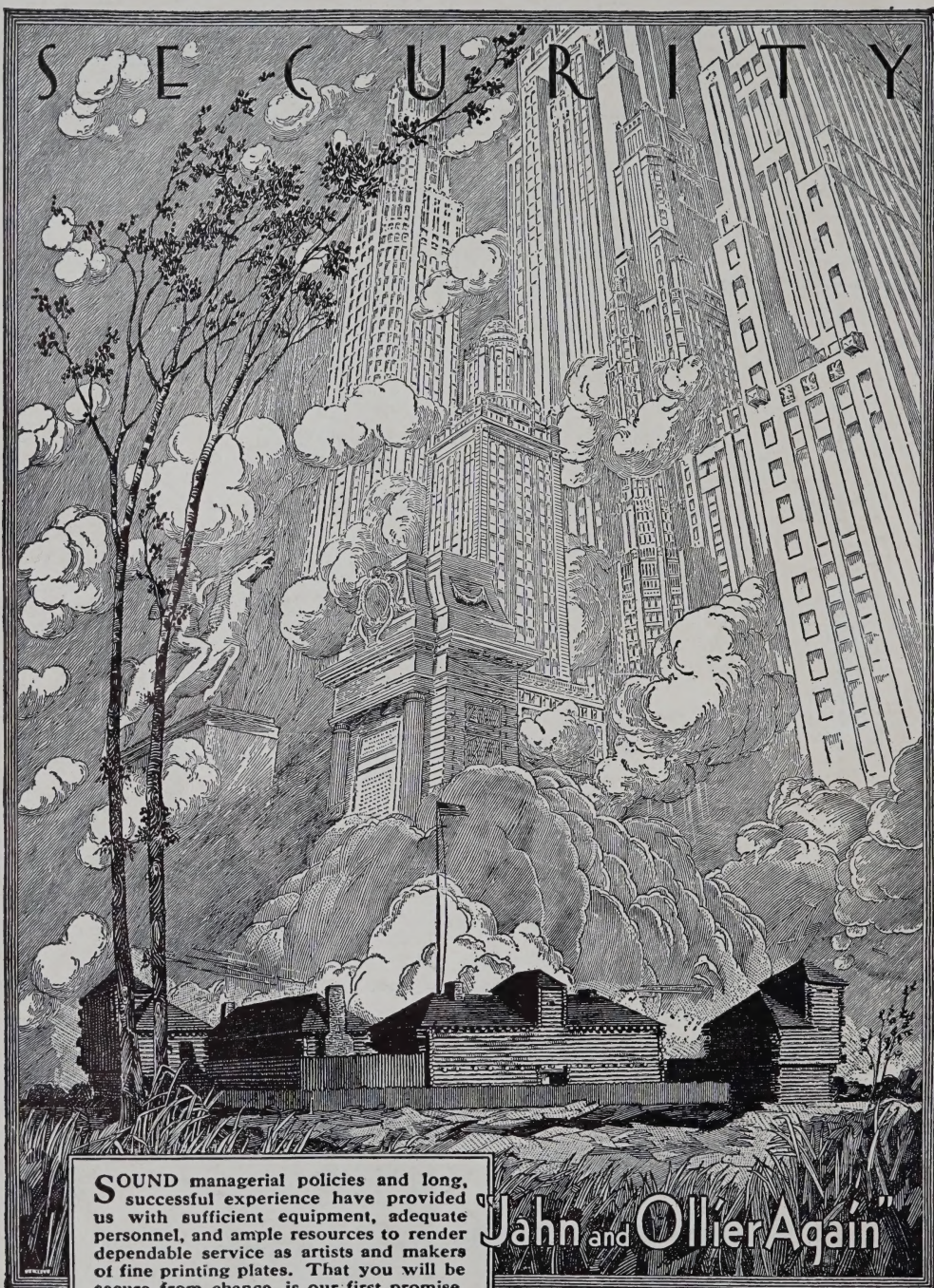
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